

# Learning English with CBC Calgary

## Weekly newscast

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#### Objectives of the weekly newscast lesson

- to develop listening skills at the CLB 4 level
- to increase vocabulary among learners
- to increase knowledge of news stories
- to provide a self-study tool, as well as an ESL classroom resource



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## News story #1

Before you listen to the first news story, complete this vocabulary activity. It will help you to understand the listening more easily.

### Vocabulary

Use one of the vocabulary words below to complete the sentences. *Answers are in the appendix.*

<b>mourning</b> (feeling sadness over death or destruction)	<b>remains</b> (bones or dead bodies)
<b>walker</b> (a device with 4 wheels used to help weak people walk)	<b>rubble</b> (pieces of a destroyed building)
<b>exploring</b> (looking for)	<b>crew</b> (group that is together to do a task; i.e. build, rescue)
<b>sprinkler</b> (used to spray water)	<b>blaze</b> (fire) <b>possibilities</b> (options)

### Extra definitions to help you understand the listening:

**the rest** - things/people left behind or remaining

1. My 95 year old grandfather uses a \_\_\_\_\_ to move around his house.
2. My apartment building has a \_\_\_\_\_ system in case of a fire.
3. The firefighters tried to put out the \_\_\_\_\_ as quickly as possible.
4. After the tornado, all that was left of the building was \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Paleontologists study the \_\_\_\_\_ of dinosaurs.
6. When choosing a career, the \_\_\_\_\_ are endless if you study hard.
7. Before I choose a college, I am \_\_\_\_\_ all my options.
8. One member of my work \_\_\_\_\_ called in sick, so **the rest** of us had to stay later.
9. My sister is in \_\_\_\_\_ after someone drove over her dog.

Now listen to the first news story from the audio file.

### Listening Activity: Multiple Choice

Choose the best answer to complete the sentences. *Answers are in the appendix.*

1. A small Quebec community is in mourning _____.	a) after its senior resident died. b) after fire destroyed a seniors' residence.
2. _____ people died in the fire in the village of L'Isle-Verte.	a) Twenty-three senior b) Thirty-two elderly
3. It was very difficult for _____ to find human remains in the rubble, in very cold weather.	a) search crews b) investigators
4. There are now questions about whether all such residences should have to _____.	a) have water sprinklers. b) be investigated more carefully.
5. The part _____ that had sprinklers was not as damaged as the part without sprinklers.	a) of the seniors' residence b) of the private home
6. Investigators believe one possible cause of the blaze was _____.	a) a lit cigarette. b) a lit match for a cigarette.

### Discussion Questions

Does your family have an escape plan in case there is a fire in your home? Do you know the escape route from your classroom in case of an emergency?

## News story #2

Before you listen to the second news story, complete this vocabulary activity. It will help you to understand the listening more easily.

### Vocabulary

Choose the group of synonyms (words with similar meaning) that best match each of the vocabulary words. *Answers are in the appendix.*

Answer	Word from the story	Related words
	1) poll	a) limited amount not enough
	2) warning	b) easy to use comfortable
	3) avoid	c) vote sample of opinions
	4) shortage	d) escape evade
	5) respondents	e) representatives administrators
	6) convenient	f) caution advice
	7) officials	g) answerers people who reply

### Extra definitions to help you understand the listening:

**Ipsos Reid** – a Canadian company that does marketing research using surveys

Now listen to the second news story from the audio file.

### Listening Activity: True/False

Decide whether the statements below are **True** or **False**. Write your answers in the blanks. *Answers are in the appendix.*

1. \_\_\_\_ Most adults in Alberta got the flu shot this year.
2. \_\_\_\_ There have been 15 flu-related deaths in the province this year.
3. \_\_\_\_ Albertans over the age of 55 were less likely to have gotten the flu shot.
4. \_\_\_\_ 60% of Albertans avoided the flu shot.
5. \_\_\_\_ Many people think the side effects from the flu shot cause more problems than the flu itself.
6. \_\_\_\_ There have been long lines and vaccine shortages in Alberta this year.

### Discussion Questions

Did you get the flu shot? Do you think it's a good idea for people to get the flu shot? Why or why not?

### News story #3

Before you listen to the third news story, complete this vocabulary activity. It will help you to understand the listening more easily.

### Vocabulary

Match the words with their definitions. *Answers are in the appendix.*

Answer	Word	Definition
	1. victim	a) (police) taking someone and putting them in jail
	2. arresting	b) a crime that makes another person take part in an unwanted sexual act
	3. luring	c) a person who is hurt by a crime or accident
	4. sexual assault	d) by computer or on the internet
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	6. allegedly	f) when something is thought to have happened but it hasn't been proved in court
	7. numerous	g) detectives, police
	8. investigators	h) many, a lot of

Now listen to the third news story from the audio file.

### Listening Activity: Short Answer

Read and answer the questions below. *Answers are in the appendix.*

- 1) How old was the man arrested in these crimes?
- 2) How old was his victim?
- 3) How did the man and his victim meet?
- 4) Do the police think there are more victims?
- 5) Who or why not?

### Discussion Questions

How can we teach kids ways to be safe when using the internet? If you have children what are some ways you try to keep them safe in the online world?

## Language Focus

### “Have to”

The verb *to have* followed by an infinitive has a different meaning than *to have* followed by a noun.

**To have to** Verb - expresses obligation; something you must do or are forced to do.

Subject +(auxiliary verb)+ **have/has** + infinitive: **to + verb** = the structure of this phrase

From our first story this week we can hear the verb *to have* followed by the infinitive:

Ex: “There are now questions about whether all such residences should **have to have** water sprinklers.”

- This means that people are questioning if senior residences **should be required** to have a water sprinkler system.

The verb **to have + infinitive** to express obligation can be used in many verb tenses:

	subject	auxiliary verb	main verb <i>have</i>	infinitive	
<b>present simple</b>	I	--	<b>have</b>	<b>to go</b>	to work.
<b>present simple</b>	You	(do not)	<b>have</b>	<b>to do</b>	the dishes.
<b>past simple</b>	She	(did not)	<b>had (have)</b>	<b>to study</b>	yesterday.
<b>future simple</b>	He	will (will not)	<b>have</b>	<b>to go</b>	to the doctor.
<b>present perfect</b>	They	have (have not)	<b>had</b>	<b>to rethink</b>	their plans.
<b>modal (may)</b>	We	may (may not)	<b>have</b>	<b>to choose</b>	another option.

Note: When we use the negative form to say you do not have to do something, this is very different from the negative form of *must*.

I **do not have to study**. = You are not required to study, but you could if you want.

I **must not** skip class. = You should not skip class. Skipping class is bad. When we use the negative of *must* it is a warning.

Make a list of things you **had to do** last week and that you **have to do** now and **will have to do** in the future. Also, try to use a modal like they did in the story this week.

(Sample answers are in the appendix)

## Transcripts of Weekly News Stories

	JANUARY 31 <sup>ST</sup> WEEKLY NEWS STORIES	TIME
Introduction	Hi, I am Rosa Marchitelli You're listening to Learning English with CBC for January 31 <sup>st</sup> .	0:00
Story 1	A small Quebec community is in mourning after fire destroyed a seniors' residence. Thirty-two elderly people died in the fire in the village of L'Isle-Verte. Many people needed wheelchairs or walkers to move, and the fire spread very quickly. It was very difficult for search crews to find human remains in very cold weather in the piles of rubble, ash and thick sheets of ice. There are now questions about whether all such residences should have to have water sprinklers. Part of the three-storey home had sprinklers, while the rest didn't. The part that had sprinklers was not damaged nearly as much. Investigators have been exploring possible causes of the blaze -- with a lit cigarette one of the possibilities.	0:14
Story 2	A new poll shows most adult Albertans did not get a flu shot this year, despite there being 15 flu-related deaths at last count, as well as warnings from health officials. The online poll by Ipsos Reid also showed Albertans over the age of 55 were much more likely to have gotten the flu shot. Nearly 60 % of those who avoided the flu shot say they think the side effects from the vaccine cause more problems than the flu itself. Despite the long lines and vaccine shortages, more than three-quarters of respondents said, "it is easy and convenient to get a flu shot for those who want one."	1:30
Story 3	Police are looking for more victims after a 37-year-old Calgary man was arrested for child luring and sexual assault. The man is accused of luring a 14-year-old girl online -- and having a sexual relationship with her. Police say the two met on Facebook in August of 20-13 -- and developed a secret sexual relationship. Investigators think there are more victims because of the amount of planning the man allegedly used to lure his victim. Satinderjit Mangat -- who's known on-line as Sam Pat -- faces numerous charges.	2:45

## Appendix: Answer keys

### News story 1

#### Vocabulary

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### Listening

- 1) How old was the man arrested in these crimes? He was 37 years old.
- 2) How old was his victim? She was 14 years old.
- 3) How did the man and his victim meet? They met on Facebook.
- 4) Do the police think there are more victims? Yes they do.
- 5) Who or why not? Because this was very carefully planned –maybe this makes them think the man has done it before.



## **Language Focus**

Past: I had to pay my phone bill late last month. The police had to investigate the cause of the fire.

Present: I have to stop smoking. People have to wear seat belts in the car.

Future: I will have to find a job after I am done school. Next year, we will have to pay more for gas.

Modals: I may have to repeat this course. Criminals should have to pay for their crimes.